

# MINUTES

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## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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## TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

## FELLOWSHIP CHURCH,

TIPPAH COUNTY, MISS.,

SEPTEMBER 20th, 21st and 23rd, 1878.

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### OFFICERS:

ELDER M. P. LOWREY, MODERATOR.

J. J. GUYTON, TREASURER.

O. F. RAY, CLERK.

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# MINUTES.

The Tippah Baptist Association convened in its Sixteenth Annual Session, with Fellowship church, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1878.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder L. P. Cossett, from 2nd Thessalonians, 2nd Chapter, 17th verse.

An intermission of one hour was then given and refreshments served.

One and a half o'clock, p. m., the Moderator, Elder M. P. Lowrey, called the Association to order, when the congregation joined with Elder W. D. Lancaster in prayer.

Former Clerk not being present, brother O. F. Ray was appointed Clerk, PRO TEM.

Elders W. L. Skinner and J. C. Gadd were appointed Reading Clerks.

Letters from the following churches were read and delegates seated, viz:

Academy, Beulah, Bethlehem, Clear Creek, Canaan, Flat Rock, Fellowship, Falkner, Harmony, Macedonia, New Hope, Providence, Pleasant Hill, Pine Grove, Pocahontas, Ruckersville, Shady Grove, Union and Pleasant Ridge.

The delegates from Ripley and Chewalla churches were present without letters, and, on motion, were received.

Petitionary letters were then called for. Central church (Benton) asked admission, and, on motion, was received.

The Association then proceeded to elect their officers, when Elder M. P. Lowrey was re-elected Moderator; J. J. Guyton, Treasurer, and O. F. Ray, Clerk.

Elder G. W. Potter and brother J. M. Cox acted as tellers.

On motion the following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Deacons of Fellowship, and brethren J. M. Murphy, B. E. McCollum and W. C. Johnson.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Brethren J. A. Kimbrough, J. D. Morton and J. M. Cox.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—Elders W. E. Berry, W. D. Lancaster and L. P. Cossett.

EDUCATION.—Elders L. Ball, J. C. Gadd and brother E. Aldridge.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Elder W. L. Skinner and brethren W. D. Madkins and J. F. Guyton.

It was, on motion, agreed to have preaching each day at 11 o'clock, a. m.; and that the Association adjourn at that hour until one o'clock, p. m.

Association then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock. Prayer by Elder L. Ball.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1878.

Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. M. Horton.

The committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was adopted:

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- 1.—Read the Constitution, Abstracts of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
- 2.—Call for Correspondents.
- 3.—Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 4.—Call for Reports.
- 5.—Appoint Correspondents.
- 6.—Elect Executive Board.
- 7.—Determine place of holding next meeting.
- 8.—Elect Ministers to preach Introductory Sermon.
- 9.—Miscellaneous business.
- 10.—Call the roll.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. KIMBROUGH, Chairman.

The following correspondents were received:

CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION.—Elder G. W. Potter and brother D. E. Mitchell.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION.—Elder J. L. Johnson.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

On motion the order of business was changed, and the following correspondents were appointed:

CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION.—Meets Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1879. Elders M. P. Lowrey, L. Ball, W. E. Berry, J. C. Gadd, and J. M. Horton, and brethren J. Lence, T. J. Medlin, J. B. Fuller, J. M. Goolsby, D. E. Gambrell, W. A. Thomas, M. C. Selph and W. B. Madkins.

TISHOMINGO ASSOCIATION.—Meets Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1878. Elders M. P. Lowrey, L. Ball, W. L. Skinner, W. D. Lancaster, and brethren D. E. Gambrell and W. G. McDowell.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION.—Meets in the fall of 1879. Elders M. P. Lowrey, L. Ball and J. D. Anderson, and brother J. W. Turner.

JUDSON ASSOCIATION.—Meets at Mooresville Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1879. Elders M. P. Lowrey, W. E. Berry and J. M. Horton.



UNITY ASSOCIATION.—Meets in the Fall of 1879. Elders W. L. Skinner, J. A. Crook and J. D. Anderson, and J. M. Murphy.

BIG HATCHIE ASSOCIATION.—Meets Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1879. Elders J. A. Crook and brethren J. M. Murphy, L. M. Bynum, J. T. Vallentine, E. M. Myrick and W. B. Jordon.

COLD WATER ASSOCIATION.—Meets Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1879. Elders M. P. Lowrey and J. C. Gadd.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.—Meets Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1879. Elders M. P. Lowrey, L. Ball, W. L. Skinner, W. E. Berry, J. C. Gadd and J. D. Anderson.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report which was adopted:

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Before the ascension of Christ he commanded his church to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. To obey this command she must send the gospel to all nations; nor will her mission be complete until the people in the streets, lanes, highways and hedges have heard of the power of Jesus to save. "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." But how can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? How shall he preach except he be sent. There was a time when the church could not go through her agencies into every nation. But, thank God, that time is in the past. Every nation is now open to the Gospel. Let us then, "Go up and possess the land." "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."

Rome, Imperial Rome, so long closed to the glad tidings of a simple faith in Jesus, is now ready to welcome the messengers of the cross; and we are devoutly thankful to Almighty God that the gospel is preached there by our churches, and not only in the city of Rome but from the Alps on the north, to the extreme south of Italy, the shouts of redeemed souls may be heard. The baptism of believers has been administered in the rivers Po and Tiber. At several important stations we have churches and hard by the Roman Vatican, we have a chapel which cost \$26,000, and we are glad to announce that Mississippi has paid her quota. Also, China, teeming with her 480 millions of people, is being occupied by our missionaries; and it is pleasing God, through the gospel proclaimed by them, to save those that believe.

Brother Graves at Canton, recently baptized twelve converts, and Dr. Yates baptized three at Shanghai, China. Brother Simmons and wife will return to China this fall, (D. V.)

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year. There has been a great ingathering of converts by our mission to the Teloo goo people in the Madras Presidency. The number baptized from June exceeded five thousand. On one day over two thousand were baptized. It is impossible to assign any limit to such a work.

"The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Your committee recommend that each church in this Association give of her means to Foreign missions. That every Pastor preach on the subject to his church and urge them to take our Foreign Mission Journal.

Respectfully, W. L. SKINNER.

On motion the Association adjourned to hear a sermon by Elder G. W. Potter at 11 o'clock, a. m.

1½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association re-assembled. Prayer by brother J. A. Kimbrough.

The committee on Domestic Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

#### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Mission work is certainly the chief work of this Association. This body was organized to do more effectively this great work. For this purpose it seems Christ established the Church, and said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The work, therefore, is ours; it was committed to us as the servants of Christ. If we are negligent or indifferent about it; if we refuse to labor for our Master; nay, if we are only idlers in a work of so great importance—"A work that filled a Savior's heart and would fill an angel's hands;" if we fail to obey the last great commission of our departing Lord, can we hope to be welcomed by a "well done good and faithful servant," when we have spent our lives in ease? Never before, perhaps in the history of our Association, has the call for aid in the Home Mission work been so urgent. Within the last two months death has done a most fearful work in our State. Towns have been almost depopulated, and churches that a few months ago were flourishing, are now helpless. Pastors have fallen and their places must be filled by Missionaries. Districts that once contributed largely and liberally to send the gospel to the destitute, have become destitute themselves. They stretch out their hands emaciated by the scourge and ask the more favored districts to send not only literal food for famishing bodies, but send also the Bread of Life to the hungry, starving souls. Perhaps one half of our territory is destitute of Baptist preaching; and even churches in our bounds are asking for help. Shall we not heed their cries? Shall we not help the needy? Brethren, we do believe that the generous people of Tippah Association will respond nobly and promptly when these facts are made known. We recommend, therefore, that the subject of Missions be discussed and

the present needs be made known by the pastors and others and every church be urged to do something in this great work, by pledges. We further recommend that our Board employ an efficient man for as much time as possible to supply the destitute points. We further recommend that our Board co-operate with the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted.

W. E. BERRY,  
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L. P. COSSETT.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Association urge each church within her bounds to send up annual pledges for Home and Foreign Missions.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Monday morning at 8½ o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. L. Skinner.

SABBATH.—Elder M. P. Lowrey occupied the stand at 10 o'clock, Elder L. Ball at 11 o'clock, and Elder Burress at night.

MONDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK, September 23rd, 1878.

Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother D. E. Gambrell.

The committee on Education made the following report. Interesting speeches were made by Elders M. P. Lowrey, W. D. Lancaster and J. L. Johnson, and then adopted:

#### EDUCATION.

Solomon said get wisdom—buy it and sell it not. There may be a difference between wisdom and knowledge. But, as the one may be the parent of the other, they are somewhat inseparable. It is generally admitted that there is a difference between one that knows and one that don't; and the difference is in favor of the one that knows. This being admitted, the question of duty is plain, and the necessity impressive.

To specify the advantages is not necessary. Observation alone should be sufficient. Knowledge is said to be power. If this be true it may be a power for evil as well as for good. Special regard should be had to this: The design, manner, and matter of education. The time, not the least important. We are glad to mark an increase of disposition to educate and be educated. We are happy to know, that in our midst we have a number of excellent schools; perhaps there is not another Association in the State so blessed.

We have Blue Mountain Female College, at Blue Mountain, Miss.; Stonewall Female College, Ripley, Miss.; Blue Mountain Male Academy, at Blue Mountain; Ripley Male Academy, at Ripley, Miss.; Ashland High mixed School, at Ashland, Miss.; and then we have our State University and Mississippi College. These are permanent schools, and controlled by those whose heads and hearts are right on

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the subject in all its bearings, on the intellect, heart, soul, morals and manners. These make the classes of schools upon which we may depend for the education of our people. The free school system is a comparative failure. We esteem it our indispensable duty to educate and be educated, though it be at the greatest sacrifice.

Respectfully submitted.

L. BALL, Chairman.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made their report. The Association was addressed by brother J. M. Murphy. The report was then adopted:

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report: At the reading of the letters from the different churches our hearts were made sad that so few of them reported Sunday Schools? Why is it so? It is not because there is not material enough surely, for where there is material for a church there is enough for a Sunday School. Where then is the fault?

Brethren, I fear we have failed to find the right man for our Superintendent. Much depends upon this. Let the churches select the right men for Superintendents and Teachers; supply them with uniform lesson papers; and send Delegates to the Sunday School Convention, where they will get a great deal of instruction in the Sunday School work. We believe the Sunday School work would be a success with God's blessings upon it. It will be so.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. HORTON, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was received and agreed to:

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your Committee on Finance, report the following amounts from the different churches for Minutes, which amounts we have handed to the Clerk:

Academy Church	\$5 00	Macedonia Church	\$3 00
Antioch	60	Mt. Moriah	1 25
Beulah	1 20	New Bethel	1 00
Bethlehem	1 80	New Hope	1 00
Canaan	2 35	Pine Grove	1 00
Chewalla	1 00	Pleasant Hill	1 00
Clear Creek	1 75	Pleasant Ridge	1 50
Central	1 00	Pocahontas	75
Fellowship	1 50	Providence	1 55
Flat Rock	2 00	Ripley	2 75
Harmony	70	Ruckersville	1 25
Shady Grove	75	Union	3 00

Total amount, \$38 70.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. SELPH, Chairman.



On motion the Association adjourned to hear a sermon by Elder Julius Berry, at 11 o'clock.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association met according to adjournment.

The Committee on Publication made the following report, which was adopted:

### REPORT.

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to submit the following report:

Believing it to be the duty of our people to read, and that we should read nothing but that which is good and profitable, we would recommend the Bible above all other books. As a religious paper, we would recommend the Baptist Record, edited by Elder J. B. Gambrell, at Clinton, Miss.; and we would urge upon our people the necessity of taking this excellent paper. That we keep posted on the Mission work, we recommend the circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal to be used in our Sunday Schools. And, as a Sunday School paper, we recommend "Kind Words" and its lesson papers.

Respectfully submitted.

L. P. COSSETT, Chairman.

The Treasurer made his report, which was agreed to:  
J. J. GUYTON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TIPPAAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1877, AND ENDING THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1878:

### RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS:

Sept. 23, 1878.	Miss Annie Pate,	\$ 1 00
"	Canaan Church,	5 00
"	Pleasant Hill, (Tippah,) "	10 00
"	H. B. Russum, paid to Elder Berry,	2 50
"	P. T. Smith,	2 50
"	A. L. Collins,	5 00
"	J. L. Darden,	5 00
"	W. A. Thomas,	1 00
"	Miss Mattie Jordan,	1 00
"	Buelah Church,	1 35
"	Pine Grove,	4 75
"	Canaan Church,	2 75
"	Mrs. M. M. Berry,	1 65
"	Mt. Olivet School House,	10 00
"	Elder L. Ball, Chairman,	71 00
"	R. L. Rutherford, paid Elder Anderson,	2 50
"	Mrs. F. A. White,	1 00
"	P. C. Gadd,	1 00
"	Pleasant Hill, (Benton,) "	3 00
"	Public collection at Association,	21 00
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## TREASURER'S REPORT.—CONTINUED.

Sept. 1878.	Cr. by amount paid Elder J. C. Gadd through Elder L. Ball, Chairman,	76 00
"	By amount paid Elder J. L. Johnson through Elder W. E. Berry	32 50
"	By amount paid Elder J. L. Johnson through Elder J. D. Anderson	7 50
"	By amount paid Elder J. L. Johnson at Association,	21 00
"	By amount paid Elder W. L. Skinner,	16 00
Total,		\$153 00

## FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Sept. 1878.	Mite boxes, Fellowship Church	10 00
"	" Canaan "	70
"	" Pine Grove "	1 35
"	" Pleasant Hill "	3 93
"	" Flat Rock "	6 40
"	" L. Ball "	1 50
Total,		\$23 88

Sept. 1878.	Cr. by amount sent H. A. Tupper, through Elder W. E. Berry,	\$23 88.
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Respectfully submitted,

J. J. GUYTON, Treasurer.

The Executive Board made the following report, which was adopted:

## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The report one year ago showed the Board in debt and pledges unpaid. By an oversight the Board had promised more than the pledges made. At our last meeting nothing reliable was done, beyond a request that pastors would present the subject and appeal to the churches for contributions. Your Board knew not what to do. But immediately an opportunity offered itself to secure the services of brother W. L. Skinner, for a part of his time. Without waiting to hold a formal meeting, the Chairman of the Board engaged him for one half of his time to be appropriated to Pocahontas and Falkner at a salary of one hundred dollars, not a dollar of which was in hand. Faithful labor has been bestowed and a continuance of help recommended by our Missionary.

We have succeeded in collecting enough from old pledges and otherwise, to satisfy brother Gadd, though his entire salary has not been paid. This leaves us in debt only for brother Skinner's services. Your Board desires that some assurance be given by which the money will be raised between this and the close of the year.

Brethren, we are doing but little to occupy the vast destitution in our bounds. Is it because we cannot do more? The small sum of 25 cents from each member will place us out of debt, and leave money

in hand. Can't we raise that amount? If we can, and do not, will the Master say "Well done," or "slothful," at the time of reckoning? Shall we heed the Master who says, "Go up and possess the land, occupy till I come," or shall the work stop? We appeal to you, brethren, and bid you awake to this important work. Your Board believes it possible. Is it a mistake? May the Lord grant us greater liberality and a deeper sense of our duty to preach the gospel to every creature.

Respectfully submitted.

L. BALL, Chairman.

P. S.—Since writing this report, \$5.00 have been received from Canaan church.

The following amounts pledged for Domestic Missions:

J. M. Murphy,	\$5 00	W. E. Berry,	\$10 00
Thos. Moore,	5 00	New Hope Church,	10 00

Total amount, \$30 00

The next Association will be held with New Hope Church, twelve miles north of Blue Mountain, commencing Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1879.

On motion Elder L. Ball was elected by acclamation to preach the next Introductory Sermon. Elder J. C. Gadd, Alternate.

A CHANGE OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE TIPPAAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, TO BE HELD WITH THE ASHLAND CHURCH, COMMENCING FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN MARCH, 1879:

Your special Committee on Sunday School Convention recommend that the session including the 5th Sunday in this month be deferred until Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1879, on account of the yellow fever excitement; and that it be held with the Ashland church. Also that the Conventional programme be published in the Minutes of this Association.

Respectfully, W. L. SKINNER.

PROGRAMME FOR THE 8TH SESSION OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE TIPPAAH ASSOCIATION, TO BE HELD WITH THE ASHLAND CHURCH, COMMENCING FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1878:

#### SERMONS.

- 1.—Introductory Sermon, by Elder L. P. Cossett.
- 2.—Proper observance of the Lord's day, by Elder E. Winds.
- 3.—Sermon to Children—Elder M. P. Lowrey.

#### ESSAYS.

- 1.—Brother W. S. Watson—Organization and General Management of Sunday Schools.
- 2.—Elder L. Ball—Importance of gathering the whole Church together for the study of the Word of God.

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- 3.—Brother J. A. Kimbrough—Proper Sunday School Help.
- 4.—Elder J. M. Horton—Influence of Sunday Schools.
- 5.—Elder L. P. Cossett—Best method of enlisting and interesting in a Sunday School children who cannot read.
- 6.—Brother B. T. Kimbrough—Importance of Sunday School advantages to young ladies and gentlemen.
- 7.—Brother Thos. Spight—Training children in Intelligent Christian character.
- 8.—Elder J. D. Anderson to revise and enlarge his Essay on Sunday School History.
- 9.—Elder W. E. Berry—Qualification of Superintendent of a Sunday School.

M. P. LOWREY, Chairman.

The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of this community, for the hospitable manner in which they have taken care of us during the sitting of this body.

RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk of this body for the very efficient manner in which they have served this body.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services, provided he will try to have the Minutes out by the 1st November, 1878.

The roll was then called and absentees marked. The brethren then sung a hymn, and taking each other by the hand, looked with tearful eyes a kind good-bye.

The congregation then joined with Elder L. Ball in prayer, and the Association adjourned to meet with the New Hope church, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1879.

M. P. LOWREY, Moderator.

O. F. RAY, Clerk.

#### LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE RELIGIOUS BODIES CORRESPONDING WITH THE TIPPAAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

We have just closed our Sixteenth Annual Session, which we bless God, in the congratulation, that it was good to be at the Tippah Association, for the love of God was shed abroad in our hearts. We fraternally beg your co-operation with us "in every good word and work;" and we pray God for a continuance of that faith and holiness which "shall flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Cedar in Lebanon."

M. P. LOWREY, Moderator.

O. F. RAY, Clerk.

# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the **TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

ART. 2. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this Union.

ART. 3. The delegates representing the different churches, shall, at the opening of each Association, present the letters, specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates, until they number fifty members, and then one for each fifty above that number.

ART. 5. Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings, shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7. This body shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, (by private ballot) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members' names enrolled.

ART. 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as become disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for Domestic or Foreign Missions, or for the Bible cause. This Association shall take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

ART. 10. If a church have a difficulty with another church, we advise her to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew. And no difficulty between the churches will be entertained by this body, unless such steps shall have been taken.

ART. 11. When churches of this Union have gifts they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament; and we advise all Presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and constitution of churches, to be governed by the Abstracts of Principles of this Association.

ART. 12. This Association will correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

ART. 13. The minutes of this body shall be read and corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ART. 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer and four other members, who shall be chosen annually.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

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## ABSTRACTS OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

ART. 2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

ART. 4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God, by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the "Imputed Righteousness" of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with them that believe.

ART. 5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

ART. 6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man in answer to the prayer of Christians.

ART. 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a pre-requisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present, by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up, and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays; and, if a call for division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall



not be interrupted by while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

ART. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject, without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion, shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it shall be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without a sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

ART. 10. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

ART. 11. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Day of Meet- ing.....	Rec. by Bap.	Rec. by Let'r	Restored.....	Died.....	Dis'd by Let.	Excluded ....	Total in Fel- ...lowship....	Sun. Schools	No. Scholars	No. Teachers
Academy .....	M. P. Lowrey.....	Orizaba, Miss	M. P. Lowrey, J. F. Guyton, J. M. Cox, H. C. McElroy	1 & 2	2	2	5	0	9	0	140			
Antioch.....	W. D. Lancaster.....	Antioch, "	None,		8	4	0	4	2	0	51			
Ashland .....	L. Ball .....	Ashland, "	None,		1	8	0	0	2	0	41			
Beulah .....	W. E. Berry.....	Beulah, "	A. L. Collins, D. L. Frazier, and D. E. McCollum,	1	1	4	0	0	6	2	80			
Bethlehem .....	E. Wills.....	Ashland, "	N. B. Hicks, E. C. Kidd, and M. Queen,	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	51			
Canaan .....	W. E. Berry.....	Canaan, "	J. M. Devers, W. J. Morgan, and L. M. Bynum,	2	5	0	1	0	1	4	73			
Chewalla .....	L. P. Cossett.....	Holly Springs, Miss	J. W. Turner,	4	5	0	1	0	4	0	41			
Clear Creek .....	L. P. Cossett.....	Dumas, "	E. Aldridge, and J. H. Smith,	4	9	5	0	0	0	0	79			
Central .....	W. E. Berry.....	Blue Mountain "	M. C. Selph, W. A. Thomas, J. P. Rooker, W. H. Gadd,	4	2	10					27			
Falkner .....	W. L. Skinner.....	Falkner, "	None,	4	0	6			1	0	17			
Fellowship .....	James Boswell.....	Molino, "	W. E. Berry, Thos. Moore, and J. W. Hodges,	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	121			
Flat Rock .....	J. D. Anderson.....	Blue Mountain "	J. C. Gadd, Thos. White, J. M. Goolsby,	3	7	3	0	0	3	1	75			
Hamilton .....	E. Wills.....	" .....	Not represented,								40			
Harmony .....	J. C. Gadd.....	Walnut - Miss	J. M. Murphy,	2	2	7	1	3	3	0	67			
Macedonia .....	L. P. Cossett.....	Blue Mountain "	L. P. Cossett, L. Ball, Wesson Gibbs, and Owen,	2	2	9	3	1	5	0	158			
Mt. Moriah .....	J. D. Anderson.....	Ripley, "	L. B. Yancey, and W. C. Johnson,	1	1	1	1	1	5	0	36			
New Bethel .....	W. A. West.....	Ubet, Tenn	None,	2	0	1	1	0	20	0	19			
New Hope (Miss) .....	L. P. Cossett.....	Ashland, Miss	A. J. McDonald,	3	5	13	0	0	3	0	86			
New Prospect .....	W. E. Berry.....	Pocahontas, Tenn	Not represented,								17			
Pine Grove .....	" .....	Pine Grove, Miss	J. B. Fuller, W. B. Madkin, P. T. Smith,	3	2	1		2	25	2	76			
Pisgah .....	" .....	Ripley, "	Not represented,								34			
*Pleasant Hill .....	" .....	Ashland, "	Jesse Cox, D. C. West, J. F. Antry, J. D. Martin,	4	7	2	1	1	1	1	73			
*Pleasant Hill .....	" .....	Ruckersville, "	Not represented,	3							58			
Pleasant Ridge .....	M. Gilliam.....	Saulsberry, Tenn	S. D. Rich,	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	55			
Pocahontas .....	W. S. Skinner.....	Pocahontas, Miss	None,	3	0	0	1	2	11	12	20			
Prescott Springs .....	" .....	Ashland, "	Not represented,	2							63			
Providence .....	W. D. Lancaster.....	Ruckersville, "	W. D. Lancaster, and W. D. McDowell,	4	7	0	1	1	18	1	31			
Ripley .....	L. Ball .....	Ripley, "	J. A. Kimbrough, N. B. Leatherwood,	4							39			
Ruckersville .....	W. L. Skinner.....	Ruckersville, Miss	W. L. Skinner, and W. M. Horton,		2	8	1	2			58			
Shady Grove .....	J. D. Anderson.....	Ripley, "	J. Lence, J. W. Graves, and William Spencer,	2	3	2		4	3	2	145			
Union .....	M. P. Lowrey.....	Jonesborough, "	O. F. Ray, and J. M. Horton,	3	9	5	2	4			15			
Unity .....	" .....	Grand Junction Tenn	Not represented,											
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Grand Total.....					97	74	12	21	116	26	1898			

I report membership of churches not represented same as last year.—CLERK.





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